Submitted to His Highness
3.11.18

BALLABROOIE
HIGH GROUND,
BANGALORE.

2nd Nov. 1918

My dear Mirza,

I received your kind letter enclosing a copy of the programme of His Highness's tour to Benares -

I am much obliged to you for promising to send me the other drafts for the Convocation Speech - As His Highness will be addressing an important audience & through it the whole of India, I am anxious that it should be a notable speech.

This is a time of much excitement on account of a combination of difficulties &

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Sir Ali Imam

My dear Mirza,

Here is some further difficulty about the guests & the date - will you kindly ask Hamilton to make my Khansamah tell him, and Colli- to make arrangements for some of the guests to come on the 20th instead of the 19th, as I am not sure that I shall be ready by the 19th.

Yours sincerely,
M. Visvesvaraya

we must keep our heads cool. Some of our difficulties may disappear in two or three months time. Either or both may however go on a prolonged period. If we adopt any extravagant measures we may waste money & lose prestige after a time. We cannot do impossible things but I am sure it will be found in the end that we have not done less well than any neighbouring British Province or Indian State.

In these circumstances I feel sure I can rely on your good offices to beg His Highness to send his enquiries, suggestions & advice freely but that he may be released to

have final orders in my matter only after giving us an opportunity fully & freely submitting our views resources & difficulties.

Yours sincerely,

M. Visvesvaraya

P.S. I expect to return here from Tour by next Thursday at latest.